

Anti-bullying bill Hearing, Springfield, MA
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Dear Attorney General Coakley,

I have been studying this issue a little and went to the hearing in Springfield and here is what I see about this.

This anti-bullying law is not going to help the problem. It was made in haste to show that the legislature is taking action. The bullying must be addressed at school between the kids, peers, teachers, parents, and even the local police. It is reasonable to require parents to come to counseling etc. if their children are involved in it. There is no need to make a new law every time there is a problem; that way the government grows and grows. People just aren't using common sense.

There are already laws against bullying, harassing, assault, etc. But, basically, it is an issue of lack of home training. Public policy should support and reinforce home training, offer help if needed (there are already agencies for this). The root problem is one of the value of life. The more American culture shoves God out of our society and daily lives, the worse the problem will become, because it is a heart issue. We need a change of attitude. Life is precious, each person is valuable, and our individual rights must be protected. Every child has a right to life and safety and to go about unmolested. This must be taught at home from the time they are little, and reinforced by the culture. Caring about one another cannot be mandated or punished into them. If children are taught that they are just animals and were not created by God, then this is the result. Animals may be dispensable, children are not.

Our nation was established by men who believed that it was guided by a higher power. If God created a child and values that child, then heaven help anyone who hurts that child. That's the way I was brought up. I bet you were taught that, too! You want every child to be safe and protected yet permit and support killing 50 million unborn babies since 1973. What does that teach the next generation?

Most Sincerely,
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